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+BSISD: Beware groups posing as school sponsors+

By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

Officials with Big Spring High School are asking local businesses to be aware of groups that may be misrepresenting themselves while soliciting advertising for school-related activities.

BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said he has become aware of these groups within the past few weeks.

"There have been representatives from outside sales companies contacting busi-

nesses asking them to donate money or advertise on items such as T-shirts and souvenir footballs that are given away at our games during the year," Ritchey Ritchey

said. "We want people to know that these actions are not authorized by the school district."

The vendors are not doing any-

thing illegal — they do provide products for the school district — but they are not affiliated with the school and they are not acting with the district's approval, he added.

"What makes it legal is that we receive the product," he said. "What makes it shaky is we didn't authorize it ... and some of these people are misrepresenting themselves as (BSHS) sponsors, which they aren't."

Ritchey said people needed to

be aware that not all the money raised by the outside companies remains in the community.

"What upsets me is that when these companies come in ... 40 percent of the sales go to that company; they don't stay here," he said. "If we do fund-raisers ourselves, the proceeds remain here in Big Spring."

If approached for a school-related fund-raiser, Ritchey urged persons with doubts as to the validity of the activity to contact the school district.

"If they are not school personnel — or a business — they know, please, please, please contact the high school," he said.

Persons with questions are urged to contact the high school at 264-3641 or the district's central office at 264-3600.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Alon acquires **Krotz Springs** refinery

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy has completed its acquisition of the Krotz Springs refinery from Valero Energy Corporation, officials announced today.

The Krotz Springs refinery is located approximately halfway between Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Louisiana, on the Atchafalava River

The purchase price was \$333 million in cash plus approximately \$140 million for working capital, including inventories.

"This latest acquisition is another step in our business plan to methodically grow our operations and expand our refining capacity. We anticipate that this transaction should generate strong free cash flow, which should enable us to repay its associated debt in as early as three years," said David Wiessman, executive chairman of Alon. "We would like to thank

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Angelica Rogers, left on the swing, 11, Madison Ramirez, 6, and Jimetre Post, 9, take a twirl on this tire swing at ABC Park Monday morning, as children with the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club took the summer program outdoors to enjoy the mild weather.

Proposed rate hike gets city's attention

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with Oncor Electric Delivery Company may have to wait to impose a \$275 million rate increase for its Texas cities which includes Big Spring — as the city council is expected to consider a resolution Tuesday night postponing the increase to study its validity.

Members of the Big Spring City Council are expected to vote to postpone the rate increase — which is slated for Aug. 8 — in favor of joining a steering committee made up of more than 100 cities that are currently customers of Oncor

Thesteeringcommittee is expected to hire legal counsel to review the validity of the rate increase and prepare a response for the electric

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Cholesterol drugs recommended for some 8-year-olds

By LINDSEY TANNER

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO(AP) — For the first time, an influential doctors group is recommending that some children as young as 8 be given cholesterol-fighting drugs to ward off recommends low-fat milk for future heart problems.

It is the strongest guidance ever given on the issue by the American Academy of Pediatrics, which released its new guidelines Monday. The academy also 1-year-olds and wider cholesterol testing.

Dr. Stephen Daniels, of the academy's nutrition committee, says the new advice is based on

damage leading to heart disease, the nation's leading killer, begins

early in life. It also stems from recent research showing that cholesterol-

mounting evidence showing that See **DRUGS**, Page 3

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40 killed in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide car bomb exploded outside the Indian Embassy in central Kabul on Monday, killing 40 people in the deadliest attack this year in Afghanistan's capital, officials said.

The massive bomb knocked down a wall and damaged two embassy vehicles when it exploded at the embassy entrance, where dozens of Afghan men line up every morning to apply for visas. The embassy is located on a busy, tree-lined street near Afghanistan's Interior Ministry in the city center.

Several nearby shops were damaged or destroyed in the blast.

Cool air helps firefighters

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Firefighters took advantage of cooler temperatures and higher humidity overnight to make progress containing a blaze burning through the mountains in Santa Barbara County before hotter, drier conditions return.

Crews were expecting "a quiet night, weatherwise," Richard Morgantini, a spokesman for Santa Barbara County, said early Monday.

Moist air currents from the ocean cooled temperatures to the high 70s Sunday, helping fire crews keep the five-day-old blaze from spreading as much as it had been.

Summit to focus on Africa

RUSUTSU, Japan (AP) — Aid for Africa — and whether enough was coming from the world's major economic powers — was in the spotlight Monday as the Group of Eight nations planned to meet with seven African leaders at its annual summit.

Activists have accused some G-8 countries, particularly France, Canada and Italy, of skimping on aid to Africa, and urged them to ramp up their contributions. The U.S., Japan, Britain, Germany and Russia make up the other members of the G-8. German Chancellor Angela Merkel also has urged G-8 leaders to take a tough stance on Zimbabwe.



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Obituaries

August Anton 'Gus' Graumann, 79,



of Big Spring went home to be with the Lord Sunday, July 6, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring with Pastor Carroll Kohl and Pastor Wayne Frost officiating. Interment will be Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at 3 p.m. at the Lutheran Cemetery in Granite, Okla., with the Rev. B.J. Armstrong officiating. The family will receive

friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, July 7, 2008.

He was born Feb. 13, 1929, in Granite, Okla., and was raised on the family farm in Lone Wolf, Okla. August married Phyllis Anne Montgomery Feb. 18, 1950, in Granite, Okla.

August served in the United States Air Force. He worked for Texaco as a mechanic for 24 years in the Sundown, Snyder and Vealmoor fields. They moved to Big Spring in 1959 where they owned and operated Graumann's Oilfield Pump and Engine Repair from 1974 to 2004. August was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He served as Sunday school superintendent for 10 years and had assisted in chartering the Lutheran Church in Snyder. He was involved in many aspects of his church throughout the years, having served as trustee, president of the congregation and as an elder.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Graumann of Big Spring; one daughter, Beth Rehn, of Dallas, one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Keith Graumann and Ann of Big Spring; and one daughter and son-in-law, Jonna and Jeff Mision of Tampa, Florida; five grandchildren, Elizabeth Leveroos, Kaily Sturgell, Kaitlyn Sturgell, Jonathan Mision and Jeremiah Mision; one sister-in-law, Parolee Graumann, of Blair, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

August was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Pauline; his step-mother; four sisters, Clara, Alma, Margaret, and Rosa Mae; eight brothers, Herman, Herbert, Rev. Oscar, Albert, Otto, Alvin, Frederick and Edward Ewald, his twin brother.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Bowling, Steve Campbell, Ned Crandall, Rob Haney, Kent Ivey, Jimmie Jennings, Bob Roever and Terry Wegman. All members of the congregation at St. Paul Lutheran Church are considered honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St, Big Spring 79720; or Big Spring Symphony Association, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring 79721; or to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-5, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Jean Jackson Cook

Jean Jackson Cook, 86, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 2, 2008, in Tyler. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 14, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Sunday, July 13, from 7

p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Timothy Michael Drinkard

Timothy Michael Drinkard, 36, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, July 4, 2008, in Austin. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-18-28-30-39-48. Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-13-22-26-30. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$27,412. Winning tickets sold in: Fort Worth.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-2-8. Sum It Up: 17

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-2-6. Sum It Up: 8



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Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- GARY LEE SMALE, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid – enhanced.
- JAY LEE BILLINGSLEY, 42, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- CRYSTAL GAYLE MITCHELL, 24, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of no valid driver's license, bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid and no liability insurance.
- JACKY DALE MILLER JR., 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and driving while license suspended/invalid.
- DERRICK LAMONT WILLIAMS, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and driving while license suspended/invalid – enhanced.
- DANIEL RAY SYLVA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- LANESSA LASHONE SYLVA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- OSCAR ADRIAN APONTE, 27, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of fictitious/counterfeit inspection or insurance document for display.
- RENE PEREZ SALAZAR, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- MANUEL HERRADA, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHARLES BRANDON BERWICK, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- HARVEY MARTIN GUERRERO, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- DOMINGO ROBLEDO, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent, criminal mischief (two counts) and deadly conduct.
- VANESSA RODRIQUEZ, 25, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Saftey on a charge of ride not secured by safety belt.
- BRANDON ANTONIO GREEN, 21, was arrested Friday by the DPS on a Midland Co. warrant for failure to appear.
- GILBERT NARANJO, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated/ open alcoholic container.
- JULIANA RENEE JUAREZ, 20, was arrested Saturday by the DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOE PRADO TORRES, 44, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.
- JOSE ALBERTO MIER, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.
- ROBERT CHARLES BOUCHER, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcoholic container.
- YVETTE YVONE SOLIS, 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a 118 District Clerk warrant for a FIA/Credit Card or Debit Card Abuse.
- PEDRO SANCHEZ, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a

child under the age of 15 years old.

- ANTHONY SCOTT EMERSON, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- SAMUEL GUADALUPE CRUZ, 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of minor in consumption
- OSCAR GUADALUPE CRUZ JR., 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving under the influence-alcohol-minor.
- RAUL JOHN GARZA JR., 38 was arrested Saturday by DPS on warrants for speeding — 81 miles in a 70 mile an hour zone; no valid driver's license; violate promise to appear; and on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under the age of 15 years old.
- KASEY DALTON RAWLS, 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a prohibitive weapon, switchblade/knuckles.
- PATRICIA SUE SMITH, 48, was arrested Saturday by HCSO on a charge of possession of a prohibitive weapon, switchblade/knuckles.
- ASHLEY DAWN SMITH, 22, was arrested Saturday by HCSO on a charge of possession of a prohibitive weapon, switchblade/knuckles.
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- MIGUEL HERNANDEZ JR., 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- MARK ANGEL HERNANDEZ, 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and no valid driver's
- JESUS MUNOZ SALAS, 34, was arrested by DPS Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under the age of 15 years old.
- SAUL MORALES, 44, arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK LEE SMITH, 48, was arrested Sunday by HCSO, on charges of possession of a prohibitive weapon, switchblade/knuckles, driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.
- RANDY JAY YBARRA, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on warrants for minor in consumption of alcoholic
- RODNEY LEE MCKINLEY, 43, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and a Ector County warrant for BOB/possession of a controlled substance; on Parker County warrants for MTRP/possession of marijuana, less than two oucnes and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; and on a Mitchell County warrant for GTI possession of a controlled substance with intent.
- JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ, 25, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated. third or more and driving while licenses invalid w/ previous convection or suspension.
- CRAIG ANTHONY SHIPMAN, 52, was arrested by DPS Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon. • BRANDON WOODMAN, 26, was arrested Sunday
- by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MYRA ANN BOONE, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by BSPD on a Taylor Co. warrant for possession of cocaine surety.
- JAMES COLE, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a warrant for deadly conduct discharge of a firearm.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m.

- GLORIA GALLARDO, 28, of 1701 Runnels, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.
- CLIFFORD QUALS, 56, of 1214 E. 16th Street, was
- arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication. • ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 429 Westover Road, was
- arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication. • DELEAH TAGGART, 42, of 1214 E. 16th Street, was

arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THEFT was reported:
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 900 block of Willia. in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR

TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 1200 block of Third Street.

- POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was reported in the 3300 block of the Interstate Highway 20 S. Service Road.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block





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- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION/ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of E. 16th Street.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
- in the 2900 block of Clanton.
- in the 1600 block of State.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
- in the 2900 block of Clanton.
- in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

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• MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of E. 11th

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Alon USA Energy Inc..

headquartered in Dallas,

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and marketer of petro-

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and Western regions of the

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pany owns four crude oil

refineries in Texas, Cali-

fornia, Louisiana and Or-

egon, with an aggregate

crude oil throughput ca-

pacity of approximately

250,000 barrels per day.

Alon markets gasoline and

diesel products under the

FINA brand name and is

a leading producer of as-

phalt. Alon also operates

more than 300 convenience

stores in West Texas and

New Mexico primarily un-

der the 7-Eleven and FINA

brand names and supplies

motor fuels to these stores

from its Big Spring refin-

ery. In addition, Alon sup-

plies approximately 800

additional FINA branded

the city's District 3, as well

as the recent development

of the city's Historic

Preservation Committee,

which was approved by

the council approximately

The council will also

meet in executive session

to consider pending or

contemplated litigation,

as well as receive an

The meeting is to begin

at 5:30 p.m. in the council

chambers, located at 307 E.

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Fire and EMS

- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Scurry. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Ohio. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • TRASH FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of N.W.
- Second Street. • STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 600 block of
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington.
- One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth
- Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Hillside. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of S. Highway 87 and Richie Road. Service refused.



By Steve Becker Famous Hand

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH **♥**J 10 3 ♦ A Q 7 2 **♣**K Q 10 9 2 WEST **EAST ♠** Q J 10 7 5 **♥**Q 9 4 **♦** 10 9 **♦** J 4 The bidding: North South West

This deal occurred in the International Team Trials in Dallas in 1964. The hand was played at nine tables, and you'd think that at most of them, the final contract would have been five diamonds. But the fact is that at eight of the tables, only a partscore in

queen of spades.

diamonds was reached. At three tables, the North-South pairs stopped in two diamonds, at three tables in three diamonds, and at two tables in four diamonds. Some of

the North players opened one club; others opened one diamond.

It is odd that in this highly touted event, which included most of the top players in the United States and Canada, only one North-South pair thought enough of their cards to undertake a game contract. But even at their table something peculiar occurred, since the bidding went:

North	East	South	West				
1 💠	Pass	1 ♦	Pass				
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass				
3 🏚	Pass	3 NT	Pass				
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass				
6 ♦							
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South bid three hearts to invite North to bid three notrump if he had a spade stopper. But North obviously misunderstood the call and never did let go until six diamonds was

A heart lead, of course, would have sunk the slam, but unfortunately for West, he was dealt a nice, safe, top-of-a-sequence spade lead.

Declarer won the queen of spades with dummy's ace and, after drawing trumps and forcing out the ace of clubs, finished with 12 tricks for a score of 1,370 points. This was more than the total at the other eight tables combined, where the various North-Souths scored either 150 or 170 in their diamond partscores

Tomorrow: The right time to lose a trick. ©2008 King Features Syndicate Inc

• MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of Centerpoint Road. One person was transported to

- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of Lloyd.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird. One person was transported to SMMC.

ALON

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Valero for partnering with us in this transaction, allowing both of our companies to further their strategic initiatives."

"With the completion of the Krotz Springs refinery acquisition, our crude refining capacity is expected to rise by 50 percent to approximately 250,000 barrels per day, including four refineries located on the West Coast, West Texas and Gulf Coast," said Jeff Morris, Alon's president and CEO. "On behalf of Alon, I wish to express our gratitude to our majority stockholder, Alon Israel, for their continued support and confidence in our company. Their investment in this transaction was critical in allowing us to create the optimal financing structure for the acquisition.

"We would like to welcome the management team and employees of the

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law

the right to suspend

the effective date of a

proposed rate change for

90 days, giving the steering

committee until the first

part of November to review

and possibly dispute the

The city of Big Spring

has joined similar steering

committees in the past to

dispute rate increases for

natural gas and electrical

Also during Tuesday's

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Krotz Springs refinery to the Alon family. This refinery ranks among the most reliable U.S. refineries, which is a testament to their experience and dedication. We look forward to working together to implement our plans for further improving the refinery's operations, including projects to upgrade the refinery to produce low sulfur diesel and to process a Mars-type crude slate." The Krotz Springs re-

finery, with a nameplate crude capacity of approximately 83,100 bpd, services multiple demand centers in the Southeast and East Coast markets through the Colonial pipeline. The 2007 refined product mix from the Krotz Springs Refinery, with a current 6.5 complexity rating, consists of approximately 96 percent light products, with the following yields: 44 percent gasoline, 44 percent distillates and light cycle oils, 8 percent petrochemicals and 4 percent of heavy products.

contractor for the Settles Hotel environmental abatement project.

The council consider approval of an abatement agreement that will authorize Mayor Russ McEwen to execute all necessary documents once the escrow agreement between the city and the Settles Hotel Development Company is reached and the funds — an estimated \$75,000 — are deposited by the city.

SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project December 2006. According SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercialandresidential meeting, the city council use of the property, with will consider approval retail space available on the first and second floors.

> milk in these youngsters. With one-third of U.S. children overweight and about 17 percent obese, the new recommendations are important, said Dr. Jenni-

> ist. "We need to do something to stem the tide of child-

> Li said that 15 years ago most of her patients with cholesterol problems had an inherited form of cholesterol disease not con-

> "But now they're really outnumbered" by overweight kids with cholesterol problems and high

Financing included a \$302 million term loan, including a \$50 million sub-facility to support substantial hedging, arranged by Credit Suisse, which was Alon's M&A advisor for the transaction. In addition, Bank of America

ported to SMMC.

arranged a \$400 million revolver facility with an accordion feature of an additional \$100 million to support ongoing working capital needs. Funds for a portion of the

purchase price were provided through an \$80 million equity investment by Alon Israel in preferred stock of a new Alon holding company subsidiary, which may be exchanged for shares of Alon common stock after three years. In addition, Alon Israel provided for the issuance of \$55 million of letters of credit at favorable rates to Alon to support increased borrowing capacity under the Bank of America revolving credit facility. A committee of independent and disinterested mem-

The Dallas-based company agreed purchase the structure from the city of Big Spring for \$75,000, which was placed in escrow until the company, led by Big Spring Native Brint Ryan, is ready to take possession of the historic downtown building.

Tuesday, Also Finance Director Peggy Walker is expected to request first reading of a resolution giving the go-ahead to pay for renovations to the city's water and wastewater treatment plant. renovations are expected to cost approximately \$113,500.

Manager Gary Fuqua will report on citydesk@bigspringherald. recent efforts to clean up

the University of Califor-

nia at San Francisco, also

praised the new advice but

blood pressure, she said. problems, and might not Dr. Elena Fuentes-Afflick, take it seriously. a pediatrics professor at

"It's hard for people to really understand" that those problems in childhood can lead to serious health consequences in adulthood. Fuentes-Afflick said.

DRUGS

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fighting drugs are generally safe for children, Daniels said.

Several of these drugs are approved for use in children and data show that increasing numbers are using them.

"If we are more aggressive about this in childhood, I think we can have an impact on what happens later in life ... and avoid some of these heart attacks and strokes in adulthood," Daniels said. He has worked as a consultant to Abbott Laboratories and Merck & Co., but not on matters involving their cholesterol drugs.

Drug treatment would generally be targeted for kids at least 8 years old who have too much LDL, the "bad" cholesterol, along with other risky conditions, including obesity and high blood pressure.

For overweight children with too little HDL, the "good" cholesterol, the first course of action should be weight loss, more physical activity and nutritional counseling, the academy says.

Pediatricians should routinely check the cholesterol of children with a family history of inherited cholesterol disease or with parents or grandparents who developed heart disease at an early age, the recommendations Screening also is advised

for kids whose family his-

tory isn't known and those who are overweight, obese or have other heart disease risk factors.

Screening is recommended sometime after age 2 but no later than age 10, at routine checkups.

The academy's earlier advice said cholesterol drugs should only be considered in children older than 10 after they fail to lose weight. Its previous cholesterol screening recommendations also were less specific and did not include targeted ages for beginning testing.

Because obesity is a risk factor for heart disease and often is accompanied by cholesterol problems, the academy recommendations say low-fat milk is appropriate for 1-year-olds "for whom overweight or obesity is a concern."

Daniels, a pediatrician in the Denver area, agreed that could include virtually all children. But he said doctors may choose to offer the new milk advice only to 1-year-olds who are already overweight or have a family history of heart problems.

The academy has long recommended against reduced-fat milk for children up to age 2 because saturated fats are needed for brain development.

"But now we have the obesity epidemic and people are thinking maybe this isn't such a good idea," said Dr. Frank Greer of the University of Wisconsin, co-author of the guidelines report, which appears in the July edition of Pediatrics, the group's medical journal.

Very young children are increasingly getting fats from sources other than milk and Greer said the updated advice is based on recent research showing

said some parents think fer Li, a Duke University children's heart specialtheir kids will outgrow obesity and cholesterol CINEMARK hood obesity," Li said. CINEMA 4

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OTHER VIEWS

Patriotism as a weapon

week ago, Barack Obama felt the need to make a speech about patriotism. He was reacting, in part, to remarks made by a surrogate, a former general who is now an Obama supporter, that supporters of John McCain say maligns their candidate's military service.

It's feeling a lot like 2004 again — that auspicious time when Swift Boat became a verb.

How about this time, patriotism remains something felt and acted upon, rather than fought over as just another prop in presidential-year political theater?

Apart from the surrogate's remarks, we understand why Obama delivered the speech. The blogosphere and e-mails that no amount of spam filters can block are full of the innuendo of non-American otherness that foes are desperately trying to tag on him. And we agree that, given the ferocity of this not-so-quiet whispering campaign, Obama needs to meet the attacks head-on. We're just sad that he has to.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark's remarks on a Sunday news show are an example, however, of an Obama surrogate raising an issue that doesn't belong in the campaign.

"I don't think riding in a fighter plane and getting shot down is a qualification to be president," Clark said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

No, not necessarily. But it revealed McCain, who spent 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years as a POW, as someone willing to sacrifice much for his country, not to mention the courage he demonstrated through the

If Clark was trying to make the point that voters should consider the entirety of McCain's views and record as a public servant, the best way to do that is to identify the issues with which he disagrees and tell us why. In any case, we seem to remember presidential candidate Clark (who. in fairness, also cited McCain's heroism) touting his own military record in his 2004 campaign. See his still active Web site at www.clark04.com/ about, and you'll see what we mean.

Obama properly rejected Clark's remarks. "No one should devalue that service, especially for the sake of a political campaign," he said. Mc-Cain, to his credit, gave Clark's comments short

But it does not help that a teleconference with reporters organized by his campaign included retired Air Force Col. Bud Day, who appeared in the so-called Swift Boat ads, which in 2004 scurrilously attacked Sen. John Kerry's Vietnam service. McCain denounced those attacks back then.

He was right. And, in this presidential campaign, we say to those who would cheapen patriotism for purposes of political gain: Shame.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us, dear Lord, to make choices that would please you. Amen

No drilling? No excuses

ith gasoline prices above \$4 a gallon and no relief in sight, it makes perfect sense to open some of America's extensive off-limits areas to oil drilling. Yet Congress refuses to

budge, citing a number of weak excuses. Among them:

(1) "The extra energy would be a drop in the bucket." Drilling critics use low-ball figures for the amounts of oil in places such as Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and the 85 percent of



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reduce the pain at the pump only a little — that's hardly a reason not to proceed. More likely, the energy potential is substantial. Midrange estimates are that just a few thousand acres near the edge of ANWR's 19.6 million acres contains 10 billion barrels of oil, and restricted offshore areas hold an additional 19 billion. That's equal to about 48 years of current imports from Saudi Arabia. And such initial estimates tend to be low, sometimes by wide margins.

(2) "The environmental risks are too great." In fact, the risks are overstated. Advances in technology have greatly reduced the aboveground footprint and the risk of spills. And new production would be subject to the strictest environmental and safety standards, something that can't be said of oil imports.

The recent track record speaks for itself. In 2005, when Hurricane Katrina ripped through the western part of the Gulf of Mexico — the one offshore area where drilling isn't severely restricted — it didn't cause a single serious offshore spill. And onshore drilling in Prudhoe Bay, near ANWR, has been under way for decades with minimal adverse impacts (indeed, the caribou herds are more plentiful now), and it used technology far less environmentally friendly than would be required now.

Nonetheless, coastal states have legitimate concerns, which is why the most promising bills allow each state to decide for itself whether it wants drilling off its waters. For example, some may want to limit offshore platforms to areas too far from the shore to disturb coastal views. Overall, the environmental and aesthetic concerns can be handled without an all-out ban on new oil production.

(3) "Companies don't need new leases. They're sitting on the ones they already have." The implication here is that big oil is deliberately sitting on potential gushers to boost prices. Drilling opponents are assuming that every leased acre has oil beneath it, but in truth most do not.

In other cases, oil exploration and development is under way.

But the process takes many years — in part, ironically, because of the extensive post-lease permitting process and other regulatory requirements. In reality, we're getting as much as possible out of the relatively few areas where drilling is allowed, which is why we need to open new ones.

(4) "It would take too long for the oil to become available." Bill Clinton complained that ANWR oil would take up to 10 years to come online — 13 years ago when he vetoed an ANWR bill. Actually, it probably wouldn't take nearly that long. Perhaps half of that time is due to regulatory delays that lawmakers could expedite.

Moreover, some market analysts believe that if America signaled its seriousness about expanding domestic supplies by opening new areas, prices would start dropping before the extra oil hit the market. In any event, America's energy challenges aren't going to disappear in a few years, so we need to begin the process now of providing future supplies.

(5) "More oil would discourage alternatives." In fact, the research into alternative fuels and vehicles has been under way for years, and has been accelerated by the rise in gas prices. This research will continue with or without new oil drill-

We need to be realistic about the prospects for alternatives such as cellulosic ethanol, hydrogen fuel cells, electric vehicles and others. It takes time to develop and market viable alternatives. The task will probably take two decades or more.

The age of oil, meanwhile, will be with us for at least a while longer, so we ought to ensure that it's as affordable as possible. More oil and alternatives is not an either/or proposition. We need both.

The restrictions on domestic oil were enacted in the 1980s and '90s when gas was little more than \$1 a gallon. Much has changed since then. There simply is no good reason to continue keeping so much American oil off limits.

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How will the Supreme Court look?

ohn McCain calls the future shape of the federal judiciary "one of the defining issues of this presidential election," a point underscored by the recent spate of 5-4 Supreme Court decisions.

This area also provides one of the starkest contrasts between McCain and Barack Obama. A McCain victory in November almost certainly would enable conservatives to tighten their grip on the court and extend their influence to such issues as curbing or barring legalized abortions.



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By contrast, an Obama triumph likely would put a brake on that process, though it probably wouldn't permit a return to the liberal control that marked the high court through much of the second half of the last century.

The reason is that the justices most likely to be replaced in the next four years are members of the court's liberal bloc. Obama would be unable to shift the court to the left, but McCain could move it even further to the right.

In a recent speech, McCain joined the outcry against judicial activism, ironic since Republican domination of the White House the past few decades means its appointees dominate the federal courts, including seven of the nine Supreme Court justices.

That court's two oldest members are pillars of its liberal bloc, Justice

John Paul Stevens, an appointee of Republican President Gerald Ford, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Bill Clinton appointee.

Stevens will be 89 in April, and Ginsburg, who has suffered some poor health, will be 76 in March. Many court watchers believe the election of a Democratic president might prompt them to step down and permit the selection of successors with similar ideological views.

Still, that would only maintain the court's current balance, which basically has four conservatives, four liberals and one moderate conservative, Anthony Kennedy, who often tilts the balance.

McCain made it pretty clear he would tip the court even further to the right when he cited as judicial exemplars two conservative George W. Bush appointees, Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justice Samuel Alito. Obama voted against confirming both.

To be sure, there are limits on any president's ability to change the court's direction.

For one thing, justices sometimes vote differently from what nominating presidents expect. Witness the generally liberal record of David Souter, named by the first President

But the early track record of Justices Roberts and Alito indicate the second President Bush fulfilled his 2000 campaign vow to name justices like the court's more senior conservatives, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

Second, it's unrealistic to expect any president to be able to name more than two Supreme Court justices in a single four-year term. The last one to do so was Richard Nixon, who filled four vacancies in his first term, in part because of the heavyhanded and ultimately unsuccessful way President Lyndon Johnson tried to install longtime crony Abe Fortas as chief justice after deciding against seeking re-election.

Fewer appointees are more likely to be the rule. Ronald Reagan picked only three justices in his eight years. Clinton and George W. Bush each named two in eight years. Jimmy Carter served a full term without naming any.

Third, nominees must pass muster with the Senate, which is likely to be more Democratic next year than it is today. That could force a President McCain to pick someone less conservative.

But it may not take more than one additional conservative justice to achieve the longtime No. 1 conservative goal of overturning Roe v. Wade, the court's 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

That's something that should be of special concern to those moderate and liberal women who, upset by Obama's defeat of Hillary Clinton in the Democratic primary, talk of voting in November for McCain.

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IN BRIEF

Sponsors needed for Coahoma softball team

The Coahoma 10-under All-Stars is one of several area youth fast-pitch softball teams bound for a tournament in San Angelo starting Friday.

However, the 10-under squad is still looking for sponsors to accompany the girls on the trip.

If interested, contact Jennifer Chandler at 466-3727 or Ian Sloan at 213-5334.

Big Spring Boxing Club set to start training

The Big Spring Boxing Club is ready to open its doors to the public for any male or female from ages 9-26.

Interested people can register for the club's training services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Morgan Park on the north side of town.

Anyone willing to volunteer time as a trainer, conditioner or sparring partner is also welcome to attend.

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School will begin selling 2008 season tickets for Steer football July 28 at the Athletic Training Center.

Only persons who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy from July 28-Aug. 7. Sales for the general public begin Aug. 11 and end Aug. 22.

Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

UIL required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed to participate in any sport.

This includes practices and games. All local athletic departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the grades listed above to make an appointment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year.

Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of two-a-

Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Big Spring QB Club meeting at ATC July 7

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is holding its first meeting of the 2008 season at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.

The club will then meet every subsequent Monday at the same time

until school starts. All parents of junior high or high school football players are encouraged to attend.

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Coahoma's Kerby taking game to next level

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — East Bernard's Courtney Repka was on the verge

of history in the Class 2A state title game, just three outs from away pitching a nohitter against the Coahoma Bulldogettes.

However, Coahoma's senior outfield-



Kerby

er Krista Kerby had other ideas, making just enough contact to break up the no-hit bid with a softly hit single in the left field.

Unfortunately, Coahoma couldn't build off of Kerby's single in the final inning and the Bulldogettes fell just short of claiming their second state title in history.

Kerby's softball doesn't end with that loss, though, as she has signed a letter of intent to play at Temple Junior College.

Kerby is a four-year starter at Coahoma, spending most of her

However, in all four of her seasons with the Bulldogettes, she said the biggest hit of her career came in the 2008 playoffs.

In a regional finals game against rival Hawley, the Bulldogettes surrendered a 1-run lead in the top of the seventh inning and headed into their final at-bat with the score tied.

With no outs, two on and the scored tied at 3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Kerby hit a two-strike single back up the middle of the infield, allowing Joanna Gonzales to score the winning time in the field in center. run from second and making Association.

Coahoma the 2008 Class 2A, Region I champs.

The clutch hit sent the Bulldogettes back to the state finals for a fourth consecutive

Kerby led the Bulldogettes in 2008 with a .473 batting average, 37 runs, six triples, 17 walks, a .688 slugging percentage, a .555 on-base percentage and 14 stolen bases.

She was a first-team all-district selection and was recently named as a first-team all-state outfielder by the Texas Sports Writers

Big Spring falls in finals



The Big Spring Little League 12-year-old All-Stars lost to the Midland Mid-City All-Stars, 10-3, Saturday, making them the second-place team in District 3. Mid-City was the only team to defeat the 12 year olds in the double-elimination tournament. Members of the team are from left to right: (bottom row) Anthony Slate, Jesse Cantu, Sagar Patel, Haegan Rodriguez, Tobyn Tannehill, Austin Mize, (top row) Coach Nick Roberson, Matthew Mims, Blaise Coffman, Brandon Warner, Clayton Galloway, Devin Roberson and Coach Tim Tannehill.

Rangers get 4 all-star nominations

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Michael Young is headed to the All-Star game again, and this time the smooth-fielding shortstop will be joined in New York by three of his teammates on the Texas Rangers.

Outfielder Josh Hamilton was elected by the fans in balloting announced Sunday. Young, second baseman Ian Kinsler and designated hitter Milton Bradley were selected by the players to represent the Rangers on the AL squad on July 15 at Yankee Stadium.

Hamilton, Kinsler and Bradley will be going for the first time. Young has been selected four times previously. All four players led the AL in player voting at their respective positions.

"There is nothing more satisfying than your peers saying you deserve to do something in this game. Those are the guys you play with,

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Nadal outlasts Federer in epic battle

No 2 bests No. 1 in Wimbledon final

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England - Rafael Nadal, grass stains on his white shirt and a Spanish flag tucked under his arm, scampered through the Centre Court stands to celebrate his first Wimbledon title with hugs and handshakes.

Roger Federer sat in his changeover chair, protected from the night's chill by his custom-made cream cardigan with the gold "RF" on the chest. Alone with his thoughts, alone with the knowledge that he had come so close to becoming the first man since the 1880s to win a sixth consecutive championship at the All England Club.

Two points from victory, the No. 1-ranked Federer couldn't pull it out, instead succumbing to No. 2 Nadal 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-7 (8), 9-7 Sunday night in a 4-hour, 48-minute test of wills that was the longest men's final in Wimbledon history and quite possibly the greatest.

Even Nadal felt sympathy for Federer.

"I am very happy for me," Nadal said, "but sorry for him, because he deserved this title, too."

Through rain, wind and descending darkness, the two greatest players of

their generation swapped spectacular shots, until, against a slate sky, Nadal earned the right to fling his racket aside and collapse on his back, champion of the All England Club

at last. "Is impossible to explain what I felt in that moment, no?" Nadal said after accepting the golden trophy that has belonged to Federer since 2003.

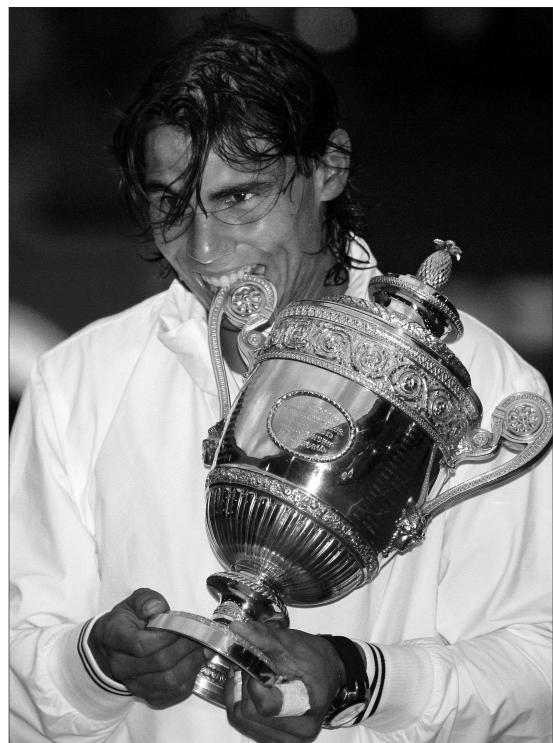
The first man since Bjorn Borg in 1980 to win Wimbledon and the French Open in the same year, Nadal stopped Federer's streaks of 40 victories in a row at the All England Club, and a record 65 in a row on grass, thereby stamping his supremacy in their rivalry, no matter what the rankings say.

"Probably my hardest loss, by far," Federer said. "I mean, it's not much harder than this right now."

No man since 1927 had come back to win a Wimbledon final after losing the first two sets, and none had overcome a match point to seize victory since 1948. If anyone could, it figured to be Federer, especially on this particular lawn.

He hadn't lost a match on grass since 2002, and

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Spain's Rafael Nadal holds his trophy aloft as he celebrates his defeat of Switzerland's Roger Federer in the men's singles final on the Centre Court at Wimbledon Sunday.

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those are the guys you play against," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I'm very happy for all of them. They deserve it."

Hamilton is the first Texas outfielder elected to start since Juan Gonzalez in 1998 and the first position player since Mark Texiara in 2005. Acquired in a December trade with

WIMBLEDON

he hadn't lost a set during

this tournament before

Sunday. He also hadn't

faced anyone nearly as tal-

ented and indefatigable as

"Look, Rafa's a deserv-

ing champion," Federer

said. "He just played fan-

Indeed he did, earning

Spain its first Wimbledon

men's title since Manolo

regroup after blowing a

two-set lead, managed to

recover after wasting two

match points in the fourth-

set tiebreaker, managed to

hold steady when Federer

needed only two points to

end the match while ahead

He earned his fifth Grand

Slam title, but first away

from the French Open, by

showing fortitude on his

serve, saving 12 of 13 break

points. He did it by break-

ing serve four times —

twice as many times as

Federer lost serve in his

previous six matches com-

bined. And Nadal did it by

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5-4 in the fifth.

Santana won in 1966.

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Cincinnati Reds, Hamilton leads the majors with 84 RBIs and is among the leaders in home runs and total bases.

"If it weren't for the fans coming out and watching us, supporting us, we wouldn't be doing this for a living. The fans are a big part of the game," Hamilton said. "I really appreciate their votes and hopefully I'll give them something exciting to watch."

In the closest race in

being better from the baseline, winning 24 of 38 points that lasted 10 or more strokes, according to an unofficial AP tally.

and Borg Santana watched from the front row of the Royal Box at Centre Court, which next year will have a retractable roof. Perhaps Mother Nature wanted one last chance to leave her mark. delaying Sunday's start by 35 minutes with rain. Showers again caused a delay of 1 hour, 21 minutes late in the third set, then another of 30 minutes at 2-2, deuce, in the fifth set.

When action resumed at 8:23 p.m., it already was tough to see, and the players traded service holds until 7-7. That's where Nadal finally broke through, as Federer's forehand really began to break down. A forehand into the net gave Nadal his fourth break point, and a forehand long conceded the game — the first break of serve by either man since

the second set. Nadal still had to serve out the match, though, and he still had to avoid the sort of nerves Federer noticed when his opponent

Anyone interested in being a board member needs to attend.

For questions, call John at 816-6030 or Joanna at 816-3407.

Tennis camp set for July 28-31 at Figure 7 courts

Crossroads Tennis Association instructor Ted Olesen is hosting a camp Tennis Center

either league, Kinsler received 2,458,455 votes to fall just 34,243 votes shy of beating Boston's Dustin Pedroia for the starting job at second base. Kinsler entered Sunday leading the AL in hitting, hits, multihit games and extrabase hits.

Bradley played for six teams before earning his first All-Star selection. He ranks among the AL leaders in slugging percentage, home runs, RBIs and inten-

led 5-2 in the fourth-set tiebreaker.

"I played terrible there," said Nadal, who doublefaulted to 5-3.

Down 6-5 in that tiebreaker, Federer erased a match point with a 127 mph service winner. Down 8-7 — again, one point from losing — Federer hit a backhand passing winner.

A forehand winner put Federer ahead 9-8, and when Nadal missed a backhand return, the match was even. Federer jumped and screamed, and the crowd of about 15,000 joined him.

Nadal defeated Federer at the French Open en route to each of his championships there, in the 2005 semifinals and the past three finals, including a 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 rout last month that was Federer's most lopsided loss in 180 career Grand Slam matches.

But the Swiss star kept reminding everyone this week that he has had the upper hand on surfaces other than clay.

Not this time. Federer made clear afterward he was not pleased that play continued despite

Comanche Trail Park.

This is the second camp Olesen has put on this summer and attendance at the first camp is not a requirement to attend the second.

The camp is for all ages and abilities, and is designed to teach beginners the basics of the game, while helping advanced players reach their full potential.

Participants do not have

tional walks.

Young, the MVP of the 2006 game, continues a run of success for the Rangers at shortstop. Texas has had its starting shortstop go in eight straight seasons, beginning with Alex Rodriguez from 2001-03.

Texas has had 16 players selected in the last five years. It is the sixth time the Rangers have had at least four All-Stars and the first time four position players made the team.

the low visibility at the end.

"It's rough on me now, obviously, you know, to lose the biggest tournament in the world over maybe a bit of light," he

Said Nadal: "In the last game, I didn't see nothing."

Both players figured that if Federer had broken back to 8-8 in the fifth, play would have been suspended until Monday because of darkness.

"It would have been brutal," Federer said.

It didn't happen. Nadal came through.

Afterward, the new champion was asked if it was the greatest match he'd ever played. Plenty of others around the grounds, including John McEnroe

— whose five-set loss to Borg in 1980 gets many votes — already were calling it the greatest match they'd ever seen.

"I don't know if it's the best," Nadal said.

Then he thought about it for a moment.

"Probably," he continued. "Probably the best, yes."

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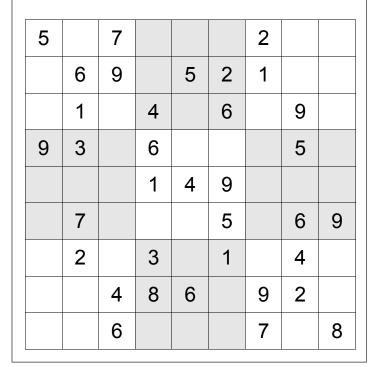
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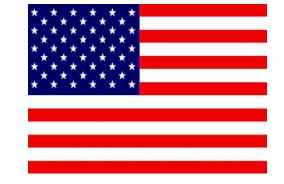
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Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) publishes this notice that on June 27, 2008, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an August 8, 2008 effective date for its proposed rate change.

> Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 35717, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Evervone loves Mondays. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your mind is active. hard-working, you Though are moon extremely creative as you actually helps folks back mentally whirl about, you may find that it's hard to be productive. In order to get the job done, you

must calm your thoughts. TAURUS (April 20-May You will undertaking a new endeavor and will find it more useful to follow than to lead. You can sense when you most need to be quiet and receptive so you'll learn faster than anyone around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Is life a little too hectic to revel in the special moments of love? The moments do come up, and it would be a shame to miss them when they are the only things that really matters. Keep priorities in check.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're spending most of your time in the service of a powerful person with a grand vision. And yet you have ideas, too, many of which are worth pursuing with all of your energy. Believe in your own vision, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You embody so many different roles today that it almost seems you're living several lives at once. You are. Each person sees you as a new character. Have fun playing the various parts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you tend to exercise caution, behave effectively and plan for the future, you do have a fearless streak that comes out every once in a while, too — like today. Boldly embark on your adventure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Settle matters fair and square — don't push off resolution for later in the month because it won't be as tidy then. Tonight,

relate to one another more as friends, but that can be the most fortifying bond of all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You like having fans — people who favor you with their opinions. But you can't bank on good opinions. Luckily, fans become sponsors over the next few days. Bonus tip: Carry change, you'll need

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21). You're 22-Dec. precious to someone. When you take care of yourself, you're taking care of that person, too, and hundreds of others you come into contact with along the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your attitude about money is becoming more positive as you realize to a greater degree that you are in control of how much you make. Exercise the theory today by asking for better compensation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-18). Sometimes you're a trendsetter, and other times you're happy just to ride the trend. Either way, you have an intuitive grasp of the state of mind the public is in and act accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You sharpen your skills as you engage in battle with the enemy. But wait the relationship is changing before your eyes. Who you thought was your enemy is really your ally. ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "I am a Capricorn (1/9/63) and he is an Aries (4/10/64). We have been together over a year and live together now. We are very happy and I think both a bit cautiously optimistic, too, since we have each had troubled relationships in our pasts. What do the stars make of this relationship? Could there be wedding bells?"

Your caution is sweethearts justified. But don't worry,

you're both older and wiser of heart and living examples that Cupid can indeed earn his wings. Rather than letting the fear or memory of pain divide you, you can use this commonality you share to more deeply understand and bond with each other. Saturn, angling both your Venuses, is the polar opposite of a look-beforeyou-leap attitude toward Together, your love. charts suggest applying cool reservation and a take-it-slow mentality in heart matters. Sure, marriage is a real possibility; Aries' loyalty and commitment toward you is wildly strong, yet he's in no rush. Neither are you. Allow this relationship to grow legs, and then, like a wine that grows better with age, when the time is right to celebrate your love, you'll know it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The 14th Dalai Lama describes himself as a "simple monk" who rises to pray at 3 a.m. each morning, eats no meat, exercises lightly and treats his highly curious mind (Mercury in Gemini) to sciencerelated news tidbits (Moon in Virgo). His aspiration for happiness is startlingly simple and attainable: "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion; if you want to be happy, practice compassion."

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From Here to Eternity

Dear Margo: I despise a funeral should be a mom, I going to wakes and funerals. I always have. I understand that person is gone and what remains is the empty body. I don't need to look at it, I don't need to cry over it, I don't need to

"say goodbye" to it. It is no longer that person. It was bad enough that I went to my grand-

mother's

Margo funeral when she Howard didn't want but one, when they asked for someone to get up and speak, no one did. I ended up having to speak the whole time. The majority of people I have known who've passed away had told me they hated funerals and didn't want one. They said better to throw a party in celebration of their lives. Most of my family is mad at me because I don't go to funerals. They say I need closure; they say my children need closure. But I am not going to make them sit through a funeral and then explain why we have to go look at a dead body. They both understand life and death

very well. There is no need to put on black to understand it or to say goodbye to someone who isn't there. So, does the fact that I don't go to funerals or make my children go to funerals make me a bad parent? — Pressured

Dear Press: You are in no way a bad parent for having made this choice. I think to have or attend personal decision. As to whether or not there even is a funeral, that should be decided by the person who would be, let us say, the guest of honor. For some reason, public figures either want big, blowout circuses — or nothing at all. For example, my mother chose to have no funeral, as did Carv Grant and countless other wellknown people. Conversely, many individuals plan the service they would like. Whatever people want is fine with me. As for "closure," that is a word I could live without. It is a concept Ι find meaningless; more of a wish than a possibility. In fact, what people call "closure" I find to be the end result of time and emotional progression, something that cannot be achieved by a burial — or an electrocution, for that matter. Margo,

understandingly **Mommie Dearest** to the Max Dear Margo: As long as I remember, can my mother and I have never gotten along. Growing up, she blamed me for everything — from why she was angry to the phone not working. I would overhear her praise my sister and oldest brother to everyone, but she would only speak of my other brother and me in a negative light. I was hit and emotionally abused by her. She never laid a hand on my older brother and sister. Ι can remember being as young as 5 and her telling me to eat poop and leave her house. Now that I am a

relationship might improve, but it hasn't. She still says horrible things behind my back and blames me for everything that has gone wrong in her life, though she tells people how successful the older two kids are and makes a big deal over them. I recently spent some time back in my hometown with family, and my 8-year-old overheard her telling my sister-in-law that I was using my husband for his money. Now my son is upset with her. I want to cut off all ties but don't want to lose my sister and my brother, who have always sided with her. I don't know what to do, but I am tired of feeling the way she has always made me feel. – Unlucky

Dear Un: What a sad story. It sounds like the two favored children came earlier, suggesting that you and your younger brother appeared, perhaps by accident, at a time in her life when she was deeply unhappy, if not unhinged. The thing for you to remember is that the messy relationship with your mother has to do with her — not you. The healthiest thing for you, now, would be to sever all ties. I can't think of one reason to continue a punishing relationship that brings you nothing but grief. Margo, realistically

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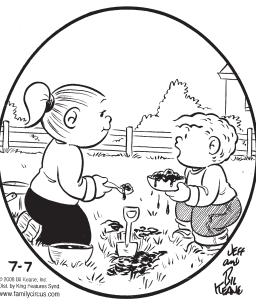
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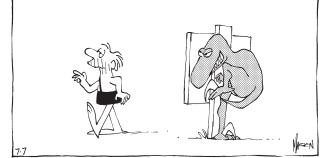






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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History: On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Lincoln.

On this date:

In 1807, Napoleon I of France and Czar Alexander I of Russia signed a treaty at Tilsit ending war between their empires. In 1896, the Democratic national

convention opened in Chicago. In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1908, the Democratic National Convention opened in Denver.

In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam (later Hoover Dam). In 1948, six female reservists became the first women to be

sworn into the regular U.S. Navy. In 1958, President Eisenhower signed the Alaska Statehood Act. which went into effect in January

1959. In 1981, President Reagan announced he was nominating

Judge Sandra Day Arizona O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1983, 11-year-old Samantha

Smith of Manchester, Maine, left for a visit to the Soviet Union at the personal invitation of Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov. In 2005, suicide terrorist bomb-

ings in three Underground stations and a double-decker bus killed 52 victims and four bombers in the worst attack on London since World War II. One year ago: A truck bomb dev-

astated the public market in Armili, Iraq, killing at least 115 people. A 24-hour music marathon spanning seven continents reached the Western Hemisphere with rappers, rockers and country stars taking the stage at Live Earth concerts to fight climate change.

Today's Birthdays: Blues musician Pinetop Perkins is 95. Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 81. Country singer Charlie Louvin is 81. Historianauthor David McCullough is 75. Rock star Ringo Starr is 68. Singermusician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 64. Rock musician Jim Rodford is 63. Actor Joe Spano is 62. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 61. Country singer Linda Williams is 61. Actress

Shelley Duvall is 59. Actress Roz Ryan is 57. Actor Billy Campbell is 49. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 46. Singersongwriter Vonda Shepard is 45. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 42. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ricky Kinchen (Mint Condition) is 42. Actress Jorja Fox is 40. Actress Cree Summer is 39. Actress Kirsten Vangsness is 36. Actor Troy Garity is 35. Actor Hamish Linklater is 32. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 28. Rapper Cassidy is 26. Country singer Gabbie Nolen is 26.

Thought for Today: "There is no escape — man drags man down, or man lifts man up." -Attributed to Booker T. Washington, American educator and author (1856-1915).

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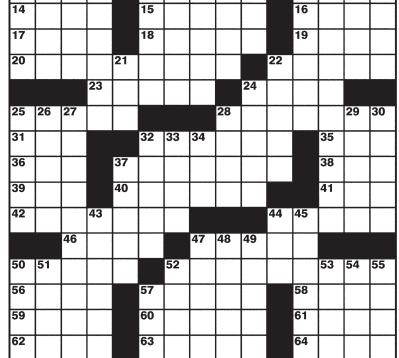
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